

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method of screening for biologically active agents that modulate a cancer associated protein kinase function, the method comprising:

combining a candidate biologically active agent with any one of:

(a) a polypeptide encoded by ~~SEQ ID NOS:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 or 27~~ SEQ ID NO:3; or having the amino acid sequence set forth in ~~SEQ ID NOS:2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 or 28~~ SEQ ID NO:4;

(b) a cell comprising a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide encoded by ~~SEQ ID NOS:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 or 27~~ SEQ ID NO:3; or

(c) a non-human transgenic animal model for cancer associated kinase gene function comprising one of: (i) a knockout of a gene corresponding to ~~SEQ ID NOS:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 or 27~~ SEQ ID NO:3; (ii) an exogenous and stably transmitted mammalian gene sequence comprising polypeptide encoded by ~~SEQ ID NOS:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 or 27~~ SEQ ID NO:3; and determining the effect of said agent on kinase function.

2. (currently amended) A method for the diagnosis of cancer, the method comprising:

determining the upregulation of expression in ~~SEQ ID NOS:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 or 27~~ SEQ ID NO:3 in said cancer in a patient sample.

3. (original) The method of Claim 2, wherein said cancer is a breast, liver, colon, muscle, prostate, kidney, lung, placental, or uterine cancer.

4-5. (canceled)

6. (original) A method for inhibiting the growth of a cancer cell, the method comprising: downregulating activity of the polypeptide encoded by ~~SEQ ID NOS:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 or 27~~; or having the amino acid sequence set forth in ~~SEQ ID NOS:2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 or 28~~; in said cancer cell.

7-9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A method of screening for targets of a cancer associated

protein kinase, wherein said targets are associated with signal transduction in cancer cells, the method comprising:

comparing the pattern of gene expression or protein phosphorylation in a normal cell, and in a tumor cell characterized by up-regulation of ~~SEQ ID NOS:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 or 27~~ SEQ ID NO:3.

11-12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein said signal transduction involves activation ~~HSM801163, PCTK3, PFTK1, CRK7, PRKCN, CIT, STK6, PDK1, PAK4, ITK, BMX, PRKCM, NEK6 or PDPK1~~.

14. (original) An isolated nucleic acid comprising the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NOS:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 or 27.

15. (previously presented) A method to treat a tumor comprising administering a therapeutic amount of a composition comprising:

a compound of the general formula $\alpha(P_z)$, wherein $\alpha(P_z)$ is one or more moieties which specifically binds to a human protein ~~HSM801163, PCTK3, PFTK1, CRK7, PRKCN, CIT, STK6, PDK1, PAK4, ITK, BMX, PRKCM, NEK6 or PDPK1~~, wherein the binding of $\alpha(P_z)$ alters the function of the human protein $\alpha(P_z)$ or wherein $\alpha(P_z)$ comprises one or more cytotoxic moieties;

and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

16-25. (canceled)

26. (previously presented) A compound for the treatment of a tumor of the general formula $\alpha(P_z)$, wherein $\alpha(P_z)$ is one or more moieties which specifically binds to human ~~HSM801163, PCTK3, PFTK1, CRK7, PRKCN, CIT, STK6, PDK1, PAK4, ITK, BMX, PRKCM, NEK6 or PDPK1~~ protein, and alters the function of the protein or comprises one or more cytotoxic moieties.

27-40. (canceled)

41. (original) A method for visualizing a tumor in a patient, the method comprising:

(a) administering to a patient an effective amount of a composition comprising:

a compound of the general formula $\alpha(P_z)I$, wherein $\alpha(P_z)$ is one or more moieties which specifically binds to a human HSM801163, PCTK3, PFTK1, CRK7, PRKCN, CIT, STK6, PDK1, PAK4, ITK, BMX, PRKCM, NEK6 or PDPK1 protein, and I is one or more imaging moieties; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier; and (b) visualizing the imaging moieties of the compound.

42-57. (canceled)